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TAKAMAGAHARA
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IF ONE IS TREATED AS AN IDIOT, THE DEPTHS OF ONE'S HEART ARE FILLED WITH RAGE.

IF ONE IS TREATED KINDLY, ONE WILL SAVE SOMEONE WHO WAS HIS ENEMY

THOSE PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WHO, WHEN DANGER STRIKES, WILL RISK THEIR LIVES TO SAVE OTHERS.

THAT IS AT ONCE BOTH HIS STRENGTH AND HIS WEAKNESS

THAT IS YAMADA YAMATO.

DO YOU FEEL THAT MAN IS WORTHY

OF LIVING IN THE AGE OF MYTH?

IZUMO?
KUMASO?
ARE ABOUT TO MEET FACE TO FACE!!
THE SUPERHUMANS
TAKAMAGAHARA
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CHAPTER 8:
TO TAKAMAGAHARA!
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KAWAI JUUZOU

HE SEEMS INTER-ESTING
I THINK I LIKE HIM.
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RIGHT, MOMOCHI?
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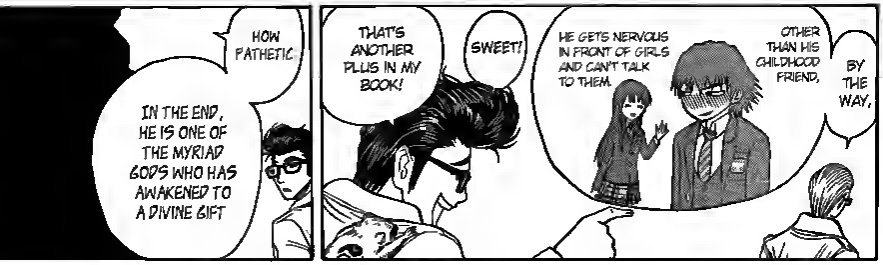
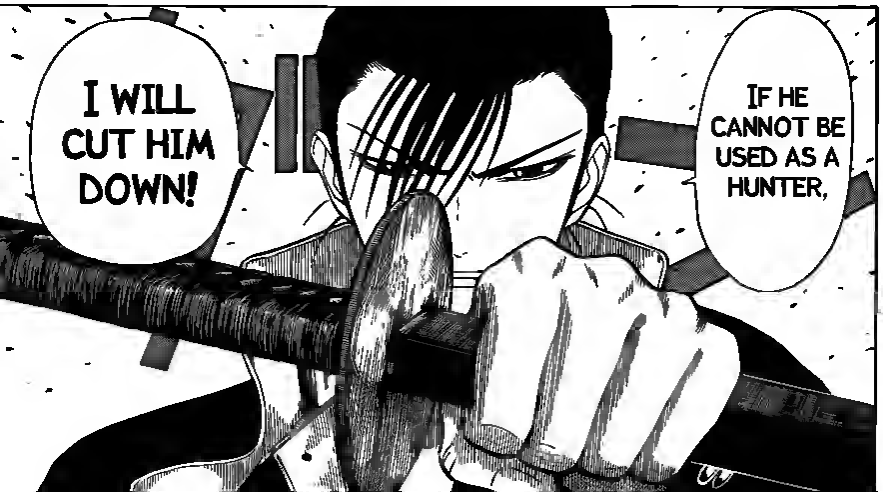
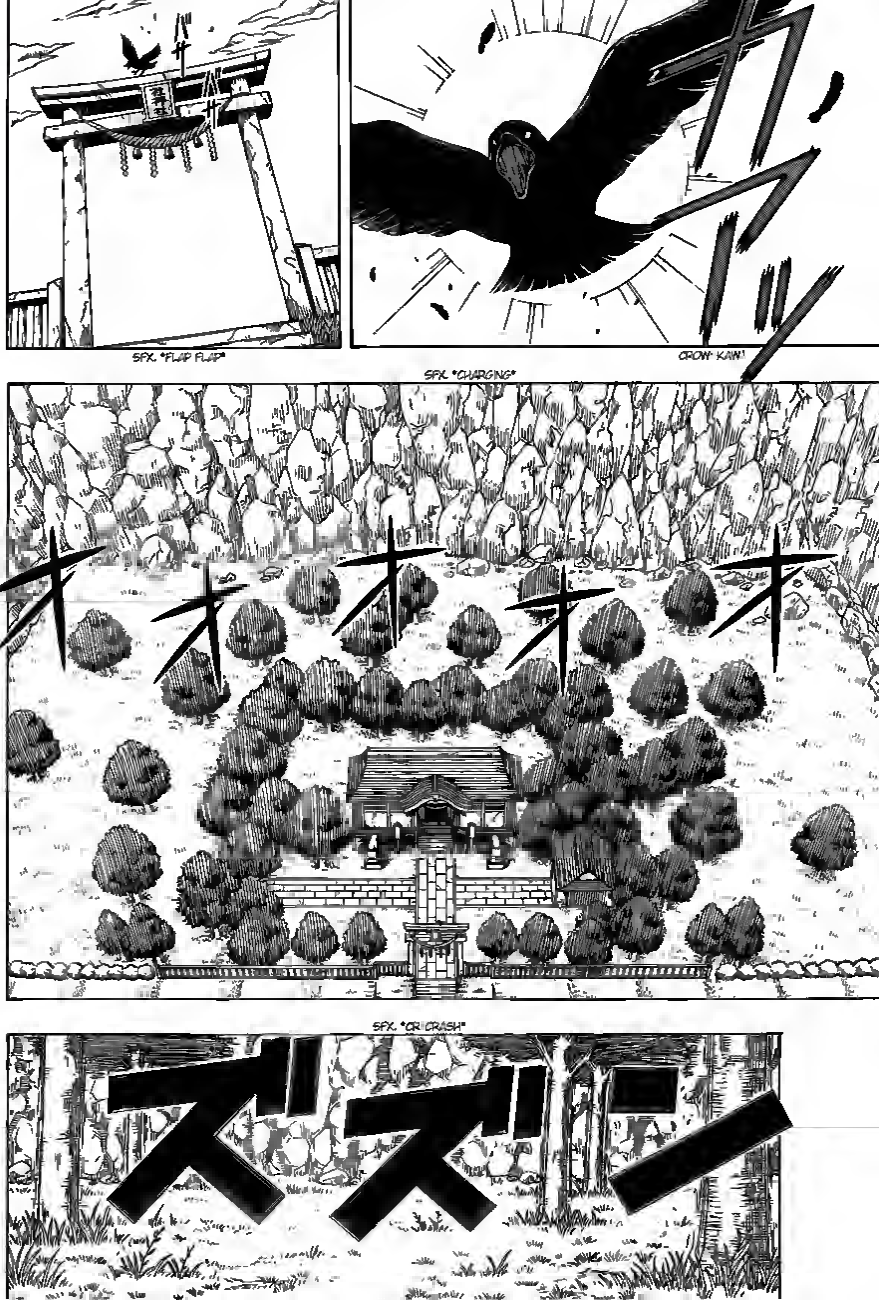

HOW PATHETIC
IN THE END, HE IS ONE OF THE MYRIAD GODS WHO HAS AWAKENED TO A DIVINE GIFT
THAT'S ANOTHER PLUS IN MY BOOK!
SWEET!
HE GETS NERVOUS IN FRONT OF GIRLS AND CAN'T TALK TO THEM.
OTHER THAN HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND,
BY THE WAY,

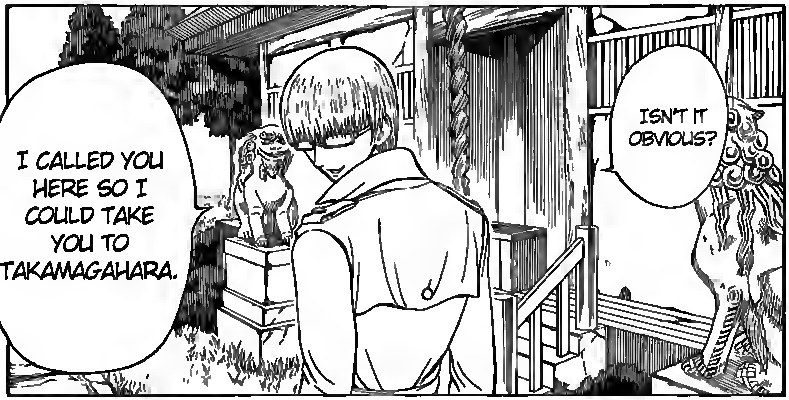

I WILL CUT HIM DOWN!
IF HE CANNOT BE USED AS A HUNTER,


SFX: "FLAP FLAP"
SFX: "CHARGING"
CROW: KAW!
SFX: "CRASH"

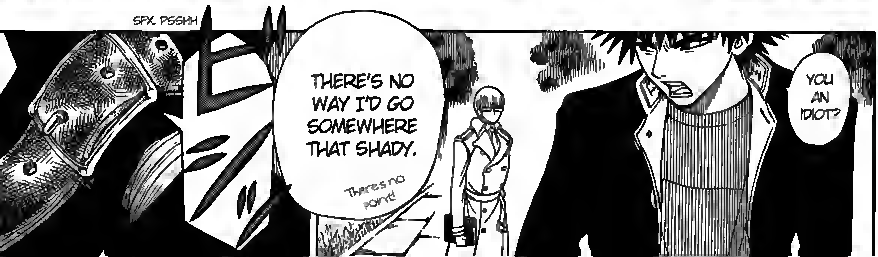
SFX: CRUMBLE
SFX: "CRACK"
SO WHEN I USE UP MY POWER, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE?
AND THIS FEELING...
SO MY LEFT HAND CAN DO IT, TOO.
SO IT'S NOT THAT MY RIGHT HAND PUNCH SUDDENLY GOT ABSURDLY STRONGER.
WHAT EXACTLY IS MY DIVINE GIFT?
DOES IT SIMPLY ALLOW ME TO STORE UP POWER?

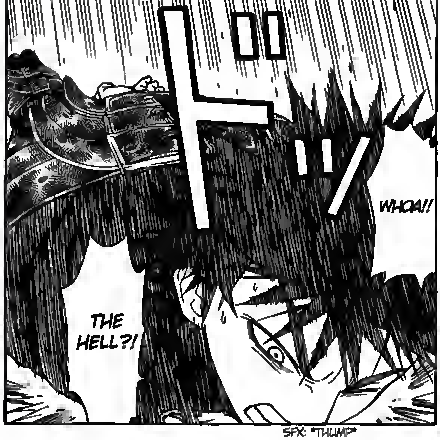
DON'T SURPRISE ME!
I APOLOGIZE.
THOUGH I DIDN'T SURPRISE YOU INSOMUCH AS YOU WERE SURPRISED
SHUT UP!
!?
HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHAT YOUR DIVINE GIFT IS?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
I mean you are out.
THAT'S NOT THE SORT OF THING YOU CAN HOPE TO UNDERSTAND BY ASKING ANOTHER.
DOES IT INCREASE THE POWER OF MY STRIKES, OR WHAT?
....WHAT THE HELL IS MY POWER?
.....
THE ONLY PERSON THAT CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DIVINE GIFT IS YOU.
YOU MUST FIND THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION BY YOURSELF.

WHY'D YOU CALL ME OUT HERE, AT THIS TIME?
SO WHAT IS IT?
WELL?


I CALLED YOU HERE SO I COULD TAKE YOU TO TAKAMAGAHARA.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

WHO HAVE AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS CAN GATHER.
Didn't I tell you before?
IT IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
TAKA-MAGA-HARA?
WHAT THE HELL'S THAT?


SFX. PSSHH
THERE'S NO WAY I'D GO SOMEWHERE THAT SHADY.
There's no point!
YOU AN IDIOT?



SFX: *THUMP*

I EMBEDDED A WORD SPELL INTO THOSE CLOTHES WHICH WILL RESTRAIN YOU IF YOU CHOOSE TO DISOBEY ME.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU BEFORE?
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME JACK!
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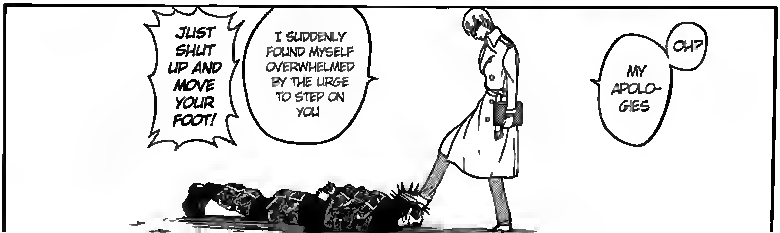
SFX: *STEP STEP STEP STEP*

SFX: *STOMP*



THEY CAN GET TIGH-TER?!
FFFFT
FFFFT
FFFFT
AH HH HH HH !!
SFX. FFFFT
YOU SON OF A... I'D KICK YOUR ASS IF I COULD MOVE...
I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO WATCH YOUR TONGUE
I HAVE ALSO EMBEDDED A WORD SPELL WHICH CAUSES THE BONDS TO GET TIGHTER IF YOU ADOPT A REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE
!!
Wh-atever, just move your ass!
.....!
YES, BUT I'M SURE AFTER YOU HEAR THIS,
YOU WILL WANT TO GO YOURSELF
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO GO
TO TAKA-MAGA-HARA, RIGHT?
KANJI ON THE NECK: "SELF"
SFX. FFFT / FFFT
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THE AGE OF MYTH?
THE COMING OF THE AGE OF MYTH.
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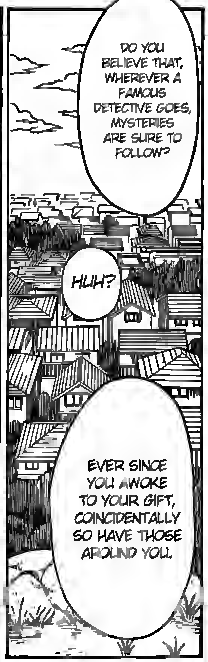
IT WAS AN AGE WHERE THOSE WE CALL GODS,
THOSE WHO HAD AWOKEN TO THE POWER RESTING WITHIN THEM, RULED THIS WORLD.
THAT AGE WILL SOON COME AGAIN.

FOR TODAY IN JAPAN, THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS IS INCREASING ASTRONOMICALLY.
OR PERHAPS NOT
BASED ON THE HISTORIES CONTAINED IN TAKAMAGAHARA, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE AGE OF MYTH IS COMING AGAIN.


DO YOU BELIEVE THAT, WHEREVER A FAMOUS DETECTIVE GOES, MYSTERIES ARE SURE TO FOLLOW?
HUH?
EVER SINCE YOU AWOKE TO YOUR GIFT, COINCIDENTALLY SO HAVE THOSE AROUND YOU.

FLOATING KANJI: "SELF"

IT WILL BE THE AGE OF MYTH,
THE CENTURY OF THE GODS.
.....! DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT....?
YOU HAVE ALREADY LEARNED FIRST-HAND WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ARE SWALLOWED UP BY THE FATE OF AWAKENING TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS.
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THOSE WHO ATTACK DIRECTLY, BUT WHAT OF THOSE LIKE MYSELF WHO ATTACK INDIRECTLY?
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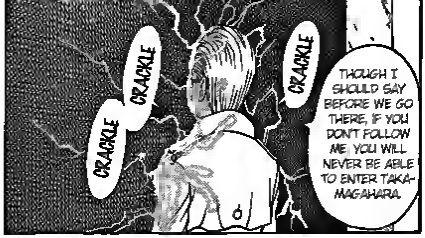
FWHOOSH
SO THE BINDINGS HAVE RELEASED.
I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS YOU UNDERSTAND
IN TAKAMAGAHARA,
YOU WIL BE ABLE TO WITNESS
BOTH THOSE WHO WERE SWALLOWED BY THEIR FATE AND RESTRAINED,
AND THE GROWTH OF THOSE WHO HAVE AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS.
IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT BOTH YOUR OWN LIFE AND THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND YOU,
THEN COME TO TAKAMAGAHARA AND LEARN THE NATURE OF YOUR DIVINE GIFT,
YAMADA YAMATO!


CRACKLE
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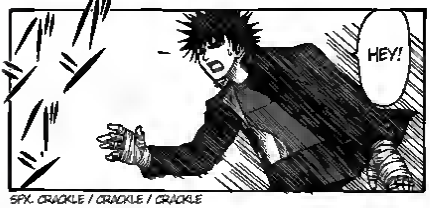
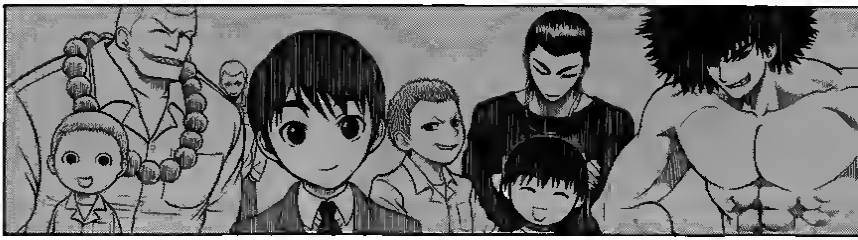
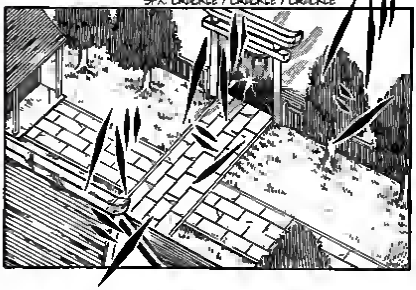
THOUGH I SHOULD SAY BEFORE WE GO THERE, IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW ME YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENTER TAKA-MAGAHARA.



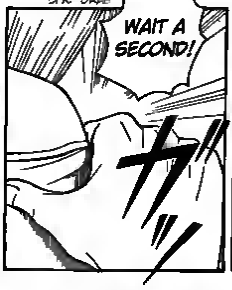
SFX. CRACKLE / CRACKLE / CRACKLE

SFX. FBOOM

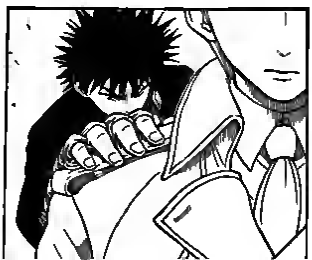


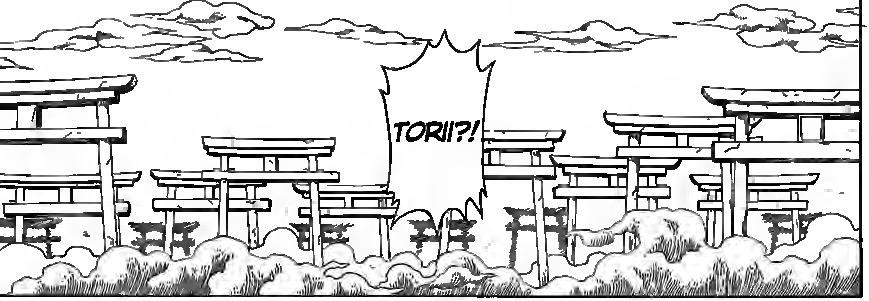


SFX. CRACKLE / CRACKLE / CRUCKLE

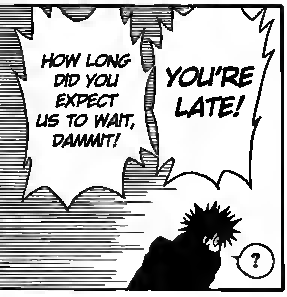


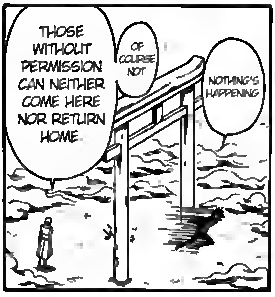
SFX. "GRAB"

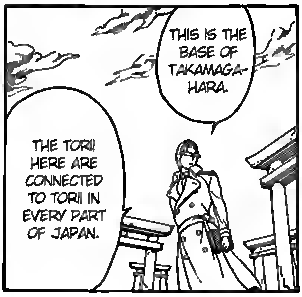




*A TORII IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE GATE MOST COMMONLY FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF OR WITHIN A SHINTO SHRINE, WHERE IT SYMBOLICALLY MARKS THE TRANSITION FROM THE PROFANE TO THE SACRED.



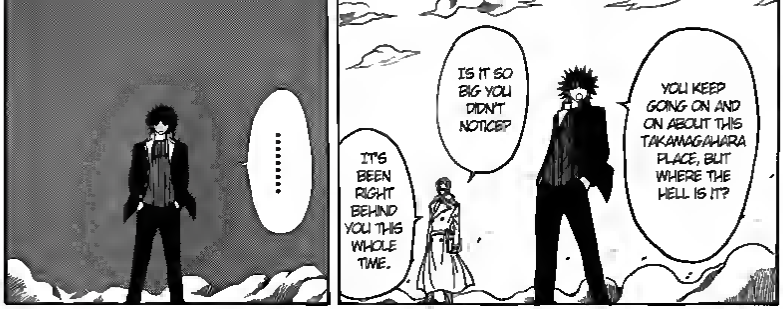


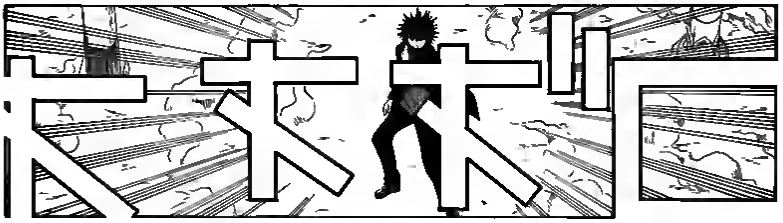


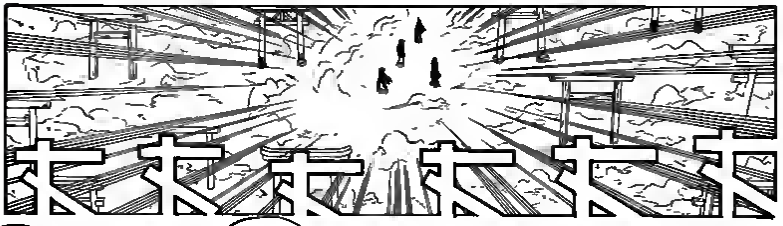
AND A SAMURAI?
ANOTHER GUY WITH GLASSES...
HEY! YOU'RE YAMADA YAMATO, RIGHT?
I'M YAKUMO IZUMO!
Nice to meet you!
Y-YEAH.
CAN I CALL YOU YAMA-YAMA?
...NO, JUST CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME.
OH! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE THAT CLOSE ALREADY!

(TL/N: KOKUHAKU MEANS BLACK AND WHITE)

KAA AKA KAA!
WE DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF RELA-TIONSHIP!
LET'S JUST GET YOUR ASS TO TAKA-MAGAHARA ALREADY!
QUIET, KOKU-HAKU.
KAH!
THE KATANA SPOKE...!







AN ACADEMY CONSISTING OF A MYRIAD OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS!
THAT IS WHERE THOSE WHO HAVE AWOKEN TO THEIR DIVINE GIFTS GATHER.
I SHALL TELL YOU.
IS THAT ?!
WHAT
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THAT IS TAKAMA-GAHARA!
THE STRANGE SCHOOL HAS APPEARED... NEXT-TIME: NEW DEVELOP-MENTS...